

~~12/1/19~~ RUFEN

Rufin

Benjamin

John

Robert

William

Benjamin

Benz. Ruffin - Gent Shuff
1748 - 139, GB. 1746-52

Sch N.B. -

480. Benz Ruffin of Sch for S. g. w. to pd. Corn Butter
of Newwiddie 1780.

John

John Ruffin of Seewy + wife Martha
sell land formerly in poss of
Tim + Robt Penn 1746 - N.B. 7-412

Gas. Masons ad ed orphans of
John Walthers - Cooper - +
Mrs. Eliza Brewster their mat.
mother - 11-30-1661

Seewy Bk 1 - 181

Ruffin.

Seewy D# 2

81(2) Eliza Brewster mother of John Walthers 1675 -
(Ruffin).

John

Martha, wife of John Ruffin -
left a legacy of w^m Taylor.
1735-

1730.38 - 599

Robert

Preice

John P. - wife Martha
nephew Thomas Wright
nephew Robert Ruffin

1717/18

- 11-28-1726

Sgt W. W. 183-13.

Robert Ruffin - 37-

1718

1715-30-136

309. S. G. B 167-90

M. Robert Ruffin sworn as justice
of P. for to C. Took oath of all.

1680 7-1680

won Giles & Robert Ruffin both 4 years longer
granted them from date of put to rest 2,050 and
of W upon branches of B.W. - 1671
J.C. & G. C. - 270.

Survey N#2.

110. John P. & Mary P. - had 5 children. to Robert Ruffin.
3000 - by me by Geo Walker's deed - in same ch
Sgt John & Mary P. - Lt Edmund Preine, Timothy Walker.
3-28-1676.

Servey

D. B. #2

3.

John Moring adn est. of George Pawler -

See Wm Browne & Robt Ruffin 7-19-1679.

203

261

D. B. 6

203

D of W

2-28-1742 let Robt Hodges + Robt Ruffin of Co of Surry

205 - 70 ac - on so side m. Black w. long the land

possessed of Jonathan Joyner - 5-20-1742

to wit - 2-28-1742 - (copy did not stick)

D. B. 1713-18. Cured to 29,
#2 S.

123- Wm Chambers - 1-11- let
wife + 2 child - except a calf to
Chas Jarrett.

Depts of Geo. Rose - Margaret Boyer
5-1-1677

1715-1730-137 - Wm Chambers - son
John - son Wm - dau Martha, - my
4 daus - Eliza, Mary, Olive, + Martha
wife Olive.

P 7-16-1718.

Providing depts of Robt Ruffin + Wm Edwards.

S. G. B 167-90

348 Rich Wash. being of full age - this day
ap in ct + signing + s. + did a conveyance
of land to Mr Rott Cuffman adm est of
Mr. John Goring died in behalf of ed
Goring ex^m - admitted to record.
Then 6th 1681

35-6 Then - 11 - 1681

Elyza Washington of This Co. being
dead + more relation age + the ct
being informed that she hath a mare +
yearling in Sawner Ch Par. It is
ord. that Mr. Rott Cuffield make sale of
them for the use of the Co + give an acct
thereof to mt ct

2. 99

Suway:

Robt Ruffin of Co F Suway 7. Ths.
Giles it names my plot. that my late
decd father was Ruffin of 17th we lived on
to make was pt. except some of
had made was by decd father to Kath Thornton
his cousin named. 1-21-1675 Signed E/g. Ruffin.
Capt. Wm G/d's, Edm. Prime
Capt. Wm G/d's now tally pen Capt. Wm. G/d's

mt to Poga.

Edm. Premier. Timothy Walker.

William

S. 1694 - 1709

409. Amy claims the sd Robt + Will Ruffin is agent
of their sister Olive Chamber - 1708

1804 - 15

S. 481. (Wm Ruffins) St Henry the Testators prop.
of Wm Edwards died in it of his wife - 1802

552 - 561 - 566

1-107. Wm Ruffin p of ally
to some Robt - to defend me in it
of a to implied Nic^o Boon in an
act of debt -

2-8-1667

and Hugh Matthews

1-3567

A part for 758 a. ghd
un. app. 1-2-66 - 1-3-66
approx. rule of 250 a. h. 8

W. B. Bennett 1-3-4-1666

Robt Ruffin of Serry app. here
+ ... um Ruffin 1-10-76
ages of ... - all my int. in
... - reg. only 200 a. male
... father's Ruth Thomas

wd. ... Signal 1/2 a. Ruff.
um ... 6-9-1677

Eliza Ruff of atty to
(apt) Robt Spencer
same wd.

1-198

I am Ruffin - whereas Berkeley
did grant into me am Ruffin
+ Robt Coleman a p of 900 a
2 of w - green in 2 mcham 1 m
+ and 1 western B1 - am Body
+ John Gardener for val am
already used - The Pope 450 a.
4-7 - 1668.
int Tasham Knowles WP
Will Bradshaw

1-217. am Ruffin to Kath
Thomson 200 a - in Po am B1 -
by ye sw that ed K. Thomson now
~~Thomson~~ house sl. to be - in case
of her death to her 2 child -
Arthur Whithead + Rebecca
Thomson 2 their male heirs
lawfully begotten heirs
6-9 - 1670. WP
Abah Rouse, Wit. am.

William - Wm = d 1697 - 2nd of W.
Wm d. 1693 of Surrey + 9 of W = Elizabeth
Wm d.

Robert d. 1720 of ...
Edmund 1713-90 of ... + Pance Geo = Wm
(Simmons) Edmund

Edmund 1755-1801 of P Geo = St + Sten =
Jane Shepherd - Jane Geo = Elizabeth dau of John
Smith - son of ... Geo; Geo = Sarah
dau of John Peyton of Gloucester, Va; Geo
3rd son of ... Va.

Geo - 1765-1810 = Jane Geo.
A son of Geo 1st - 143.

9-7-1649 - Edw Chetwode

To Joe House & The ...
1 year of their time - to Joe House
that else of mine at Mr Aldred
weaving up - Xopher Holmes -
Geo - John Young, gloves + a
morning ribbon. Mr Robt Watson
Henry Pitt ... in English
rich ... Anna Jones and all
her child - to my mother ... and
herement - herement - with ...
that he hath supplied me, not -
withstanding he hath sent me for a
sacrifice Ex Mr. Robt Watson
& Henry Pitt
Proth & Sacramento
Tho Brook & Guillem Ruffin
9-27-1649.

A - 113.

1-43. Jna Mousum Gunt Capt Gen
to Wm Olds 3/8 a m 1665
is - W 5 - of the Cypress - at
head of a road - of land of good old's
for Wm 7 - person.
10 - 30 - 1666
Wm + Jane Old's acc to Wm
Blith 5 - 1 - 1665 - assigned to
Mr Rich Sharpe for use of Wm Blith
news -

1-144. Valentine Old's citizen
+ apothecary of London. P. 1/2 aly
to trusty + loving father Wm Old's
of Jas. Banks in Va. - to collect all
debts due to me as ex of
Jas. Banks decd.
Wm Rich. Butler
Henry Cough, Edw. Woodruff
John Chambers.
5 - 21 - 1667

1-384 J. Eliza Ruffin wife of Robt
Ruffin P. to Mr Edmund Pines.
to release 1. & sold by Richard in 2nd.
John Clarke, John White
8 - 9 - 1678.

1-358. Signed and dated 6-8-1677

1-163

Mr. Skynner

My may fathers mate you will
understand if I send him
hath happened to him by wh he is
disabled to come. I may tell
hath an act depending agt him
wh. debt is mine, & this day
meeting with May tell telling him of
my fathers mischance, sayeth it
will be as well if you please
to doe him or me that service,
to calculate the charge & Confess
a judgment for the whole in my
behalf, I would have come to
Court myselfe but a very urgent
occeasion is my hindrance. But
I cannot not take att. sent, but
rest ye very humble servt
Robt Ruffin

2-8-1664.

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1858

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115, 212a Reußen. Süden in

Lesson Revision -

10.1.1693 - 21.1.1693

10.1.1693 | 21.1.1693

Lesson =

2.1.1693

Lesson = 2.1.1693

The whole with Phileas &

Duplicate

3712 Morrison Street,
Washington, D.C.
July 14, 1940.

Mrs. Lewis L. Chapman,
Carcassonne,
Smithfield, Virginia.

Dear Mrs. Chapman:

I have your postcard of July 6 asking if I have proof from the North Carolina records that Robert Ruffin of Northampton was the son of William Ruffin of Surry and saying that there not one bit of information in the Surry records after he married the Newsum widow. I note that you want the information for a client who is a descendant of the daughter of Robert's who married a Barrow.

I have not done much on my genealogical lines of late and what I have done has been mostly on the Graham family. However, I have dug out what I had as to the Ruffin line and I am enclosing herewith extra copies of most of this. You may care to have it in this form for your files or other use even though much of it is not new to you as it came from you.

To answer your question categorically will say that I have no definite record showing that Robert⁴Ruffin who died in Northampton County, N.C. in 1767 was the son of William³Ruffin who was born in Surry County, Virginia, but I have not the slightest doubt as to this being the fact. Incidentally, this William³Ruffin himself died in Bertie County, N.C. in 1739 in the section which in 1741 became Northampton County. I have not found his will but his inventory was officially recorded by his executors William Ruffin and Robert Ruffin, who must have been his sons and of age. All the Ruffins in America stem from William¹Ruffin who died in Surry County, Va. (apparently in 1673 as his son Robert requested administration on Jan. 9, 1674); in fact it appears or has been assumed that his name was originally William Ruthven and that he Latinized this to "Gulielmus Ruffin" (as shown by his name as witness to will of Edward Chetwyne in 1649) and that the "Gulielmus" soon reverted to "William" but the "Ruffin" stuck. His son Robert²Ruffin (born about 1646 as he had a power of attorney from his father in 1667, probably on attaining manhood), was "sole heir". He married Mrs. Elizabeth (Prime) Watkins in the Fall of 1674 and had two sons: Robert³Ruffin born 1681 (in a 1718 deposition said he was 37), and William³Ruffin (probably born 1683 although he may have been born 1679), also two and possibly three daughters. Robert³Ruffin had no son named William. William³Ruffin had a son William⁴Ruffin (first noted in 1719 will of his grandfather William Gray). From the above it follows that the William Ruffin who died in Northampton County, N.C., with sons named William and Robert, must have been William³Ruffin as he could have been no one else. The Robert Ruffin who was one of his executors must have been his son Robert⁴Ruffin who died in the same locality in 1767, and who had a son William⁵Ruffin.

William³Ruffin married Faith Gray (who was living at time of her father William Gray's will in 1719). William³Ruffin may have married 2nd Mrs. John Newsum in 1725. I think it more likely that it was his son William⁴Ruffin who married Mrs. John Newsum. Possibly this could be cleared up if data were found as to her age. You have probably looked into this, in fact you may have written me about it but I have not thought of the Ruffin line for a long time and am not sure if I have ~~looked~~ found all the papers pertaining thereto that I may have.

Hoping that the attached data may be found of some use I remain

Yours sincerely,

W.A. Graham Clark
W.A. Graham Clark.

My line

RUFFIN

William¹Ruffin(d.1673), of Isle of Wight Co, Va., m. ca. 1745?
Robert²Ruffin(ca.1746-1693), of Surry Co, Va., m. 1674, Mrs. Elizabeth(Prime)Watkins(d.1714).
William³Ruffin(ca.1683-1739), of Bertie Co, N.C., m. ca. 1703?, Faith Gray.
Robert⁴Ruffin(ca.1710-1767), of Northampton Co, N.C., m. ca. 1733, Anne Bennett(d. after 1767).
William⁴Ruffin(1735-1781), of Bertie Co, N.C., m. 1762, Sarah Hill(1743-after 1811).
Hannah⁶Ruffin(1768-1848), m. 1786, Marmaduke Norfleet(1766-1818), of Halifax County, N.C.
Louisa⁷Norfleet(1789-1828), m. 1806, David Clark(1772-1829) of Halifax County, N.C.
David⁸Clark(1820-1882), of Halifax County, N.C., m. 1845, Anna Maria Thorne(1824-1899).
Walter⁹Clark(1846-1924), of Wake County, N.C., m. 1874, Susan Washington Graham(1851-1909).
W.A. Graham¹⁰Clark(b.1879), of Washington, D.C., m. 1911, Pearl Chadwick Heck(1889-1939).
Graham Montrose¹¹Clark(b.1922; entered U.S. Naval Academy June, 1940).

WILL OF ETHELRED RUFFIN OF NORTHAMPTON CO., N.C., 1773 - Folder in D.A.R. Library

Will of ETHELRED RUFFIN, of Northampton Co., N.C., dated March 30, 1773, (recorded in full in D.A.R. Library folder) shows- Wife Martha Ruffin, daughter Nancy Ruffin, "natural son" John Ruffin, alias Oquin, son Batholing Ruffin, son Ethelred Ruffin. Executors: Samuel Ruffin, brother, Ethelred Ruffin, nephew, and John Ruffin alias Oquin. Witnesses: John Peale, James Maddrey, Mary Peale. Probated June Court, 1777.
Northampton Co. (N.C.) Records, Book 1, p. 13.

Edgecombe County (N.C.) Records-

Deed Book B, p. 5: "In the year of Our Lord 1769 between Ethelred Ruffin of Northampton County, North Carolina, of the one part to his son Frederick Ruffin of Edgecombe County, granted certain lands for love and affection." (Signed) Ethelred Ruffin (Seal). Signed and sealed in the presence of Ethelred Ruffin, Jr. In February Court, 1769.

Deed Book D, p. 426: "I, Ethelred Ruffin and wife Martha and Frederick Ruffin and wife Mary sold lands to Samuel Doughtry, in 1771-Sept. 19".

Ethelred Ruffin (Seal)
 Martha Ruffin (Seal)
 Frederick Ruffin (Seal)
 Mary Ruffin (Seal)

~~Witnesses~~ in the presence of
 Richard Seale and M. Deloach. Sept. 19, 1771.
 In February Court, 1772.

(Note- On the D.A.R. copy is penciled- "Frederick Ruffin died 1778 and left issue, by his wife Mary, - Samuel, William, and Ethelred. (From documents returned. S.P.H.)
 (Note by W.A.G.C.- Jesse Deloach m. Penelope Ruffin, 1768, Edgecombe Co., N.C. This is shown in "N.C. & S.C. Marriage Records, by W.M. Clemens, 1927).

State of North Carolina
Edgecombe County

At a County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions held for the County Aforesaid at the Court House in Tarborough on the fourth Monday in February & 26th Day Anno Dom. 1810 and in the XXIV year of our Independence..... Friday morning the Court met according to adjournment.... William Wilkins Junr is appointed Guardⁿ to Frederick, Gray, Wright, Benjamin, and Rally Ruffin, orphans of Samuel Ruffin decd. He entered into Bonds of \$100 each with James Wilkins & Lovett Killebrew(?) his securities.

From Edgecombe County Records
 County Court Minutes 1807-1811.

The above is an accurate extract from record in the North Carolina Historical Commission. A.R. Newsome, Secretary. Raleigh, N.C. Sept. 2, 1931.

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RICHMOND, Virginia, CRITIC, OCTOBER 19, 1889.

THE RUFFIN FAMILY

(Written for The Critic. Genealogical Letter 45. Ruffin- Complete)

The first of this family of whom there is record in Virginia was William¹ Ruffin, who was living in the Isle of Wight county in 1666, and left two sons: 1. Robert², of Isle of Wight and afterwards of Surry, in which county he patented land in 1678 (or rather it was patented in his name), born 1669; ^{did 1693;} married a widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Watkins; 2. Edmund², living in 1677.

Robert² and Elizabeth (Watkins) Ruffin had issue: 1. Robert³, of Surry, sheriff of that county, 1714 and 1715; died 1720; married Elizabeth _____; 2. Elizabeth³; 3. William³ married _____.

Issue of William³ and _____ Ruffin: 1. Samuel⁴ born 1716; moved from Virginia to North Carolina, 1752; was sheriff of Edgecombe county before the Revolution; married _____, and had issue: 1. Lamon⁵; 2. Ethelred⁵, of Edgecombe county, N.C., married Mary, daughter of Colonel William Haywood.

Issue of Ethelred and Mary (Haywood) Ruffin: 1. Samuel⁶; 2. Sarah, married Henry Haywood; 3. Henry John Gray, member of North Carolina Senate from Franklin county, 1826, married Mary Tartt; 4. Charity Ann, married first, _____ Ward, second, _____ Henderson; 5. Margaret Elizabeth; 6. James, married _____ Staunton and had Wiley, who died unmarried; 7. William.

Issue of Henry J. G. and Mary (Tartt) Ruffin: 1. Penintah Watson; 2. Lamon, Confederate States Army, died in service; 3. Ethelred, Confederate States Army, died in service; married Elizabeth Kennedy, and had Mary Lee, married John E. Woodward; 4. Sally Blount; 5. Patrick Henry; 6. Lafayette; 7. Doctor George W., Confederate States Army, died in service; 8. Thomas, member of Congress, 1853-5, and of the Provisional Congress of the Confederate States; entered the Confederate Army, and when colonel of the First North Carolina cavalry was mortally wounded near Bristow Station October 15, 1863; 9. Mary Haywood, married Samuel G. Williams; 10. Samuel, married Ann, daughter of United States Senator William H. Haywood; 11. William H., married Agnes K. Chadwick.

Issue of Robert³ and Elizabeth (_____) Ruffin, of Surry: 1. Colonel John⁴, etc.

THE AMERICAN GENEALOGIST, by Thomas Allen Glenn, Ardmore, Pa. (March 1899-February 1900,
one volume only). (Lib. Cong. C842.A55)
p.252.

THE DESCENDANTS OF WM. RUFFIN OF VIRGINIA.

William Ruffin, b. _____, living in Isle of Wight Co, Va., in 1686;
has issue: 1. Robert, living in 1689 in Isle of Wight Co; died 1695; m. Mrs. Elisabeth Watkins;
2. Edmund, living in 1667.

Robert and Elisabeth (Watkins) Ruffin had issue:

1. Robert, d. 1720, m. Eliz. _____; lived in Surry county.
2. Elisabeth.
3. William.

Robert and Elisabeth (_____) Ruffin had issue:

1. John, of Mecklenburg county, m. Patty Hamblin.
2. Joseph.
3. Benjamin, of Southampton county, m. _____.
4. Edmund, of Southampton county, b. 1713, d. 1790; m. 1st. Mrs. Edmunds, nee Simmons, of Southampton county; m. 2nd. Eliz. Cocke.
5. Mary.
6. Martha.
7. Elisabeth, m. Richard Cocke, of "Swan's Point", Surry county.

John and Patty (Hamblin) Ruffin had issue:

1. John, m. _____ Williamson, of Dinwiddie county.
2. Thomas.
3. Robert, of Dinwiddie and King William counties, b. _____; m. Mary, widow of _____ Lightfoot nee Clack.
4. William, of Surry county, b. _____; m. 1st. Jane Bland; m. 2nd. Lucy Cocke.
5. Nancy, m. John H. Cocke, of Surry county.
6. Patty, m. _____ Newsom.
7. Elisabeth, m. John Nichols, of Dinwiddie county.
8. Francis, of Mecklenburg and Surry counties, m. 1st. Hannah Cocke; m. 2nd. Susan Harris.

Robert and Mary (Lightfoot-Clack) Ruffin had issue:

1. John.
2. Theodrick Bland.
3. James, d. 1805, in King William county; m. Mrs. Mary Roane.
4. _____ dau. m. Butler Claiborne.
5. _____ dau. m. Wm. Claiborne, of Dinwiddie county.
6. William, of Virginia and North Carolina, b. 1765; m. Margaret Ritchie.
7. Sterling, of Brunswick county, b. _____; m. Alice Roane of King William county.

Sterling and Alice (Roane) Ruffin had issue:

1. Thomas, Judge of Alamance county, N.C., b. _____; m. Anne McKirkland.
2. Minerva, b. _____, m. 1st. M. E. Dillard; m. 2nd. George McNeil.
3. Mary, b. _____; m. Wm. Cain, of N.C.
4. James H., m. Susan Williams, of N.C. Issue: 1. James S., m. Rosalie Studerick, and had issue: 2. George.

WILLIAM AND MARY COLLEGE QUARTERLY.

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RUFFIN FAMILY

This family began with William¹ Ruffin, who appears in the records of Isle of Wight County at a very early period. William Jewry in his will dated June 1, 1651, left a legacy to "Robert Ruffin, son of William Ruffin". In June, 1677, Robert² Ruffin, of Surry County is mentioned as heir and administrator of William Ruffin deceased.

Robert² Ruffin (William¹) lived in Surry County, where he married, about 1675, Elizabeth, widow of Capt. George Watkins, Clerk of Surry County. His will, dated May 18, 1693, was proved July 4, 1693. It names sons Robert and William, wife Elizabeth, daughter Elizabeth, and Francis Masson and Arthur Allen, "who are to have the education of my children". The will of his wife, Elizabeth Ruffin, proved in Surry County August 18, 1714, names sons Robert and William and daughter Jane. Issue: Robert, William, Elizabeth, Jane.

Robert³ Ruffin (Robert², William¹) lived in Surry County, where he married Elizabeth _____ and died. His will, dated April 13, 1720, was proved February 15, 1720/21, and names wife Elizabeth and children John, Edmund, Joseph, Benjamin, Mary, Martha, and Elizabeth.

William⁴ Ruffin (Robert², William¹) married and had (see genealogical chart of Edmund Ruffin, Sr.): Samuel, born 1716, of Edgecombe county, N.C., and Ethelred, of Edgecombe county, N.C., married Mary Hayward, and had Samuel, Sarah, Henry J., James, Charity Anne, Margaret E.

ROBERT RUFFIN
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

In the name of God amen.

I Robert Ruffin of the County of Northampton & Province of North Carolina being in good health and of sound mind and memory, for preventing disputes which may arise in my family about the Estate I may leave at my death, do make this my last will and testament in manner following that is to say.

Imprimis I lend to my wife, Anne, the use of my plantations of lands I purchased of Samuel Ruffin and John Morse, containing one hundred and eighty acres more or less, during her natural life. Also the labour of my negroes York Nerer Silverpool, Luke Daniel and Rachel during her natural life. I likewise give to my said wife ten cows and calves and four four-year-old steers, ten sheep, my three best feather beds and furniture, six sows and pigs, one year's provision for herself and family, one mare and two horses, the choice of all I die possessed of, all the remainder of my household goods, I do not give away by this will, one fourth part of all my ready money, all the working tools, carts and ploughs belonging to me, all my geese, all my cyder casks, her riding saddle and bridle.

Item-I give and bequeath to my son, William Ruffin, and to his heirs and ofsigns forever all my lands in the counties of Edgecombe and Northampton in the province aforesaid, also my brandy still, one gun, my riding saddle and bridle and my wearing apparel.

Item-I give and bequeath to my grandson Robert Ruffin my negroe girl Pegg.

Item-I give and bequeath to my grandson Robert Barrow my negroe girl Iarusee.

Item-I give and bequeath to my daughter Anne Smith my negroe girl Mistilla, one feather bed and furniture, one horse or thirteen pounds six shillings and eightpence proclamation money, also six pounds thirteen shillings and fourpence like money.

Item-I give and bequeath to Olive Barrow one featherbed and furniture, also twenty pounds proclamation money.

Item-I give and bequeath the negroes whose labour I have lent my wife during her life, after her death to be equally divided between my three children, William, Anne and Olive,--my will and desire is that they divide the negroes between themselves without selling any of them to any other person.

Item-I give and bequeath to my two daughters Anne Smith and Olive Barrow all the remainder of my stock of cattle and sheep, to be equally divided between them.

Duplicate

2--Robert Ruffin
Northampton County

Item-I give and bequeath all the remainder of my Estate of what nature or kind soever to be equally divided between three children, William, Anne and Olive, each to have an equal share and part.

Item-My will and desire and positive order is that no part of my estate be sold appraised or inventoried: but that my wife and children divide the same among themselves in specie, according to my will, any law, custom or usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

Item-I nominate, constitute and appoint my wife, Anne and my son William Ruffin whole and sole executors of this my last will and testament revoking all former wills by me made, and declaring this only to be my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the twenty-eighth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty seven.

Signed, sealed and declared to be the last will and testament of the subscriber in presence of Henry Dawson, Mary & Cotton (her mark) & John Hull.

I know all men by these presents that whereas, I, Robert Ruffin of the Province of North Carolina and County of Northampton have made and declared my last will and testament bearing equal date with this schedule. I, the said Robert Ruffin by this present codicil, on schedule, confirm and ratify my said last will and testament excepting that demise or that part of my said will by which I gave unto my wife Anne only the one-fourth part of my ready money, inprimis and I do in the room and stead of the aforesaid one-fourth part of my ready money give and bequeath unto my loving wife Anne two hundred and fifty pounds in gold, part of the ready money I have by me.

Item-I give and bequeath unto my grandson, Robert Ruffin, fifty pounds in hard money, that is to say in gold or silver. and my will and meaning is that this codicil or schedule be and be adjudged to be part and parcel of my said last will and testament and that all things herein contained and mentioned be faithfully and truly performed, and as fully and amply in every respect as if the same were so declared and set down in my said last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 20th day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty seven.

Signed, sealed & declared to be his last codiciled or schedule of the subscriber or testator in presence of Henry Dawson, Mary & Cotton (her mark) John Hull.

Robert Ruffin.--Va. Seal

3--Robert Ruffin
Northampton County

August Court Northampton County

This will was exhibited in court and proved by the
the oath of Henry Dawson and John Hull two subscribing
witnesses; also the codicil affixed thereto at same
time. William Ruffin qualified as Exr. -- On motion
ordered to be certified and recorded.

Test: Willie Jones, C. CL.

From: North Carolina Historical Commission
Northampton County Records

Will Book A-1762--1791, Part 1, Page 35 Folio 3

Ruffin.

Judgement granted Mr. Robert Ruffin, who married the Extx. of Capt. George Watkins dead. agt. Bartholmew Owen, now refiled against Jone Owen the admrx. of sd. Barth. 1677.
Surry O. Bk. 1671-90, page 192.

Court appointed Mr. Robert Ruffin and Capt. Robert Spencer to serve as Sheriffs until the pleasure of the Governor be known.
May 7, 1678. Ibid, p. 204.

Certificate granted Mr. Robert Ruffin to next Assembly for attending the court at Green Spring upon the trial of the criminals etc. 1679. Ibid, p. 260.

Mr. Robert Ruffin petitions agt. Mr. Thomas Jordan as marrying the Extx. of Capt. Robert Spencer, for tobacco due him. 1679.
Ibid, p. 280

Mr. Robert Ruffin sworn as Justice of the Peace for the County.
7ber, 7, 1680. Ibid, p. 309.

Mr. Robert Ruffin by order of the his Excellency is sworn Sheriff of the County. May 6, 1684. Ibid, p. 438.
Ditto June 17, 1685. " 483.
took oath as Justice, July 6, 1686. " 521.

Robert Ruffin of the County of Surry to Thomas Giles of Nansemond, my plantation, on which my dead. father William Ruffin of I. of W. lived, except 200 A. of which my dead. father made over to Katherine Thornton. No consideration named.

Signed Elizabeth Ruffin by power of attorney to Capt. Wm Oldis.
Wit. Edmond Prime and Timothy Walker.
Wit. to deed, Wm. Oldis and Edmond Prime.

Surry Bk 2, p. 99.

Deposition of Robert Ruffin proving the will of Lewis Williams..
June 16, 1679. Ibid, p. 211.

Robert Ruffin is appointed to go to the house of Jane Harris widow and there if possible to end the difference between Walter Taylor plt. and sd Jane Harris over the land in dispute.
May 3, 1681. O. Bk. 1671-90, p. 338.

Ruffin

Will of William Jewry; to Elizabeth Penny the daughter of Richard Penny; to Robert Ruffin the son of William Ruffin; to John Arram the son of John Arram. Ex., friend John Arram.

Jan. 1, 1651.

Wit. Richard Penny, William Ruffin, William Westray.
Isle of Wight Bk. A. page 26.

Robert Ruffin of Surry, heir and administrator of William Ruffin. Wife Elizabeth rel. her dower. 1677.

I. of W. Bk. Deed Bk. 1, p. 355.

William Ruffin gives his power of attorney to son Robert Ruffin, Feb. 7, 1667. I. of W. W. & D. Bk. 1, p. 107
Wit. Hugh Mathews.

William Oldis and Robert Ruffin hath four years longer grant-
them from date of patent to seat 2,050 A. of land in I. of W.
upon the branches of the Blackwater. 1671

Journals Court and General Council, p. 270.

William Ridley; to my daughter-in-law Jane Tuke, wife unto William Tuke in Surry County, personal things which were her mothers, reversion to her four children; to Mary Prime; to Elizabeth the daughters of Edmond Prime; to the five children of Edmond Prime; to Mary Crew the daughter of John Crew; Ex., Mr. Charles Barham, Overseers, Thomas Harris and Thomas Tuke; my servant John Gray to his father Henry Gray until his time is expired; to William Tuke of Surry Co., my wife's son-in-law; to John Prime son of Edmond; to Mr. Barham's two daughters, Elizabeth and Pearl; my books to my daughter-in-law Jane Tuke.

May 1, 1671.

Oct. 19, 1671.

Wit. George Bell, Robert Jones.

W. & D. Bk. 2, p. 98.

Will of John Prime; wife Martha, reversion at her death to my nephew Thomas Wright; to my nephew Robert Ruffin. Wife Extr.
Wit. Joseph Chapman, John Screws, Edward Crocker.

March 4, 1717/18. Nov. 28, 1726.

(The question arises if this Prime name really is not Price?)

I. of W. W. Bk. 3, p. 13.

Robert Ruffin returned the estate of Mr. John Goering. 1680
Bk 2, p. 254.

Will of Robert Ruffin of Lawnes Ck. Parish, to loving wife my
plantation, at her death to my son Robert with reversion of be-
quest to my son William; to sd. sons my land in Pohantink or
Bowling Green Swamp, adjoining Will Rowland and the Sunken Marsh.
(sons not 21); daughter Elizabeth. Wife Elizabeth Ertx.
Wit. William Newsom and Roger Rawlings. Will Chambers.
I wish my friends Francis Mason and Arthur Allen to take the
oversight of behh the education and bringing up of my children.
May 8, 1693. Bk. 3, p. 310.
July 4, 1693. Wife to deliver portions to my daughters as
their behavior to her may seem to deserve.

Appraisal of the estate of Mr. Robert Ruffin, by Thomas Lane,
William Holt, William Chambers and Mathew Swann.
Sber 31, 1693. Bk. 3, p. 349.

Rithable list for 1692.
Robert Ruffin paid for Wm. Weston and slaves 8.

Will of Elizabeth Ruffin, widow: daughter Jane Ruffin; refers
to agreement with my son Robert. Ex., daughter Jane.
Wit. William Gray Jr., Olive Chambers.
July 29, 1711. Aug. 18, 1714.
Bk. 1709-16, p. 207.

Estate of John Newsom, returned by William Ruffin and
Sarah Ruffin Ertx. Feb. 16, 1725.
Examined by Joseph Allen and John Newsom.
Bk. 1715-30, page 623.

Appraisal estate of Capt. Robert Spencer by Jane the relict
Appraisers, Robert Ruffin, William Newsom and John Price.
May 6, 1679. Surry Deeds 2, p. 291.
Account returned by Thomas Jordan and wife Jane.
7ber 6, 1681. p. 292.

John Hilliard's acknowledgement that the cattle in my possession are the cattle and estate of my wife Jane Hillier and that I have no power to sell or dispose of them etc. --- as appears by ye deed of gift from William Thomas, which deed remains in the custody of my brother Thomas Ballard.

April 17, 1664.

Wit. George Jordan, Will May (5)

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Bk. 1, page 240

Mrs. Mary Price requests administration on estate of her husband John Price. Security, Robert Caufield and Robert Ruffin. Appraisers, Mr. Thomas Drew, Mr. Robert Lancaster and Mr. Ansell Balyer (Bailey). May 2, 1682. O. Bk. 1, page 369.

Ordered Capt. Charles Barham and Mrs. Elizabeth Watkins, Extx. of Capt. George Watkins deed, lay out the land left John Price by will of sd. deed. 1673. O. Bk. 1, p. 48.

Petition of Mrs. Elizabeth Watkins, widow that James Hugate orphan remain with her he is 21, under the same conditions under which he was bound to Capt. Geo. Watkins. Capt. Charles Barham her security. June 10, 1674.

James Hugate was bound to Thomas Gray in 1672, saying he was seven years old and that he had raised him from a suckling child. Orphan Accounts, p. 1 & 6.

John Price receipt to George Watkins for cows due him by bond. 1671. Wit. Anne Newsom. Bk. 1, p. 403.

March 1, 1708. Ind. bet. Robert and William Ruffin of Surry to Will Edwards,----- for divers good causes and considerations and 61s paid by sd. Edwards to William Chambers we release all our claim or right to our sister Olive Chambers to a tract on the mill dam for 6 A. to build a mill.

Wit. William Drew, Thomas Harris. 1694-1709, p. 408.

Will of William Chambers: son John, two negroes if he releases all claim of money or tobacco due him from the estate of Richard Byton, if not the sd. negroes to my wife Olive; son William all my land with reversion to daughter Martha; land at Blackwater to daughters Mary and Olive; daughter Elizabeth. Wife Extx. Proved by deposition of William Edwards age 39.

Robert Ruffin age 37 deposition that he wrote notes from which Wm. Edwards made above will. April 16, 1718. R. July 16, 1718. Book 1715-1720.p.

William Chambers the guardian of William Price the orphan of orphan of John Price summoned Thomas White to court to pay to sd. orphan a mare and calf belonging to sd. Price -- sd. White promised to pay etc. at age of sd. orphan etc. -- accepted with approbation of Mrs. Elizabeth Ruffin the aunt of sd. orphan 1692. O. Bk. 1691-1713, p. 99.

William Tanner the orphan of Edward Tanner acknowledges he has received the whole of his deed. father's estate from William Chambers p. 99. Jane Clarke, widow ack: B. of G. to son John Tanner.

Will of John White: to Mr. Francis Mason; to John the son of John Price a mare which was formerly the property of my sister Mary White's; to John Price one half of what he owes me the other one-half to William Newsum; to Robert Canfield a ring; rest of estate to sisters Mary White and Lucy Corker. Ad. sisters Ets.

April 1, 1679.

May 7, 1679.

Wit. Francis Taylor, Phillip Shelley.

Bk. 2, p.

Estate of Thomas White, appraised by Mathew Swan, Thomas Hart and William Chambers. Oct. 1, 1694.

William Edwards as the greatest creditor to sd. White, Adm, 1694-1709, p. 167.

Robert Ruffin of Lawnes Ck. Parish: loving wife Elizabeth; son John; son Joseph; son Benjamin; son Edmund; daughters, Mary, Martha and Elizabeth. Wife Ertx.

April 13, 1720. Feb. 15, 1720.

Wit. John Newsum, James Wilson.

Bk. 1715-30, p. 296.

Capt. Cookerham, overseer of Harris' estate.

Surry Bk. 1, p. 298.

William Harris an orphan, guardian David Williams. 1669

Ibid, p. 364.

William Harris of Lawnes Creek, (only son and heir of Thomas Harris and wife Mary to Robert Ruffin for 700 pounds of tobacco, 20 A. part of a patent granted ~~sd. Thomas in 1657~~ of in 1650, granted sd. Thomas in 1657. 1663.

Wit. William Newsum, Thomas Jarrell.

Deed # 2, p. 338.

Thomas Harris 850 A. Feb. 13, 1757. On S. S. James River, Sunken Marsh on the Rich Neck and land of Robert Webb, Mr. Edwards, Wm. Carter, Chipponks path to the mill and Mr. Green. 300 A. granted to John Holmwood in 1650 and assigned sd. Harris and 550 A. for trans. 11 persons.

Cav. & Pioneers, p. 305.

Will of George Mansfield of Virginia, in the parts beyond the seas, Merchant, now at London. May 21, 1670. Rec.-- July 27, 1670. To my three sisters, Ann the wife of Francis Sumner; Mary the wife of Col. Thomas Swann and Margaret the wife of ----- Oldis; to my cousin Elizabeth Tanner, widow; to my uncle Mr. John Beale; to my nephew Francis Sumner the son of my aforesaid sister Ann. Ex. Uncle John Beale, Wit. Charles Barham, David Gryer, Phillip Peirson.
Virginia Historical Magazine, vol. XI, page 311.

Will of Thomas White: wife Phillice and my children Thomas, Mary, Rebecca and Elizabeth; my will and desire is that my sister-in-law Mrs. Elizabeth Ruffin shall have the care of my daughter Rebecca and her estate; and I wish her to place my daughter Elizabeth; my friend Robert Lancaster to have the care and management of my son Thomas and daughter Mary. Ex., my wife with overseers, Mrs. Elizabeth Ruffin and Robert Lancaster. May 7, 1694. 7ber 4, 1694.
Wit. Thomas Bage, W. Edwards, John Thompson.
Surry Bk. 1694-1709, page 20.

Robert Ruffin requested probate of will, requested by Elizabeth Ruffin. 1694. page 24.

Administration granted Elizabeth Meriwether on ye estate of Lewis Williams decd. in right of the orphans. Her security Robert Ruffin and William Edwards. 1679.
Orphans Accounts, page 12.

Will of George Watkins of Lawnes Creek Parish: to dear and well beloved wife Elizabeth; to Goddaughter Elizabeth the daughter of my friend Capt. Robert Spencer; to cousin Charles Barham the son of my uncle Capt. Charles Barham; rest of my estate between my wife and my cousin Christopher Watkins of the White Hart -- in Longe Lane, London; provision if he should have an heir if not his estate to be sold at death of wife and money sent said cousin; 300 A. out of a division surveyed for Peter Green in Lawnes Creek Parish to John Price; my clothes to William Newsam; to friend Will Sherwood. Exs., wife and uncle Charles Barham.

Sept. 17, 1673. 20th of - ber, 1673.
Wit. William Sherwood, Jennett Davis.
Surry D. f 2, page 36.

George Watkins was the clerk of the County. In 1669 he had a wife named Gertrude who joined him in a deed to Charles Lee of Charles City County. in
Surry Bk. 1, p. 341.

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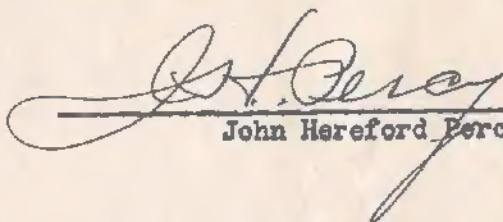
Dear Mrs. Chapman:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 15th enclosing the Ruffin papers and also the letter from Mr. W. A. Graham Clark. I have read them with a great deal of interest and made such copies as I desired and herewith return them to you.

As you know I had already a great deal of this Ruffin data, but the data you sent me I think will clench the line and I hope you will be successful in straightening out the Barrow and Dawson line at your leisure.

Did you receive the letters from Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Lee relative to the Dawsons. You have never acknowledged receipt and I am afraid they might have gone astray. I am not in a hurry for their return if you have them, but when you finish I would like to have them for my files. With best regards in which Mrs. Percy would join me if she were here, I am,

Yours sincerely,


John Hereford Percy

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